and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority.

(b) and (c) The quantity, value and per unit realisation of Basmati and Non-Basmati Rice exported since 1992-93 are as follows:—

Quantity: *in Lakh MTs.*
Value: *in Rs. Crores.*
Unit Realisation in Rs. per MT.

Year	Basmati			Non-Basmati Rice		
	Qty.	Value	Unit Realisation	Qty.	Value	Unit Realisation
1992-93	3.25	800.64	24651	2.56	174.96	6844
1993-94	5.27	1061.27	20129	2.40	225.44	9376
1994-95	4.69	857.76	18301	4.23	323.45	7652
1995-96	3.92	851.16	21699	51.20	3701.85	7230
1996-97 (April, 96—Feb., 97)	4.20	1034.82	24662	18.85	1849.93	9814

(Source : DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(d) Export of Non-Basmati Rice has not been at the expense of the food security system of the country. The stock position of rice in the Central Pool is above, the minimum stocks required to be maintained under the buffer stocking policy.

Export Trade

3227. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India's export trade has fallen;

(b) if so, the details of the export trade during the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and so far in 1997;

(c) the reasons 'for the fall in export trade; and

(d) the measures Government propose to take/have taken to boost the trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) As per DCCI&S data, value of India's exports are as follows:

year	Value in US $ Million
1993-94	22237
1994-95	26330
1995-96	31797
1996-97(P)	33106

(c) Though exports have not declined, the rate of growth of exports during 1996-97 has been relatively lower. This could be attributed to inter-alia, international market conditions, tariff and non-tariff barriers, infrastructural bottlenecks, cost of export credit etc.

(d) The measures taken for export promotion include simplification of policy and procedures, promoting joint ventures and bilateral trade relations, improving efficiency & competitiveness, dc-bottlenecking of export infrastructure and interaction with the exporting community. The recently announced EXIM Policy for 1997-2002 also lays emphasis on encourgement to exports through greater transparency, automaticity and procedural simplification.